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SUBJECT: CIEC CO-CHAIRMEN'S MEETING, APRIL 26-27

1. SUMMARY: CONFERENCE AND COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRMEN MET
APRIL 26 AND 27 TO RELAUNCH CIEC. THEY RATHER QUICKLY

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REALIZED THAT CO-CHAIRMEN'S SESSION HAD NO FUNCTION BEYOND THE CEREMONIAL. EFFORTS BY ARIAS SCHREIBER, AIT CHAALAL, AND YEGANEH TO EXERT POLITICAL PRESSURE WERE VENTED IN ACERBIC STATEMENTS APRIL 26, BUT POLITICAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS THEY WANTED WAS DEFERRED UNTIL NEXT DAY IN INFORMAL MEETING OF ALL 27 DELEGATIONS, WHERE THE TONE, BY CONTRAST, WAS POSITIVE (SEPTEL). ORGANIZATIONAL QUESTIONS WERE LEFT TO INDIVIDUAL CO-CHAIRMEN TO WORK OUT. END SUMMARY.

2. CO-CHAIRMEN'S MEETING OPENED WITH GENERAL STATEMENTS ON PRESENT STATE OF CIEC AND OUTLOOK FOR SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION. G-8 MADE POINTS THAT (1) THERE WERE LIMITS TO WHAT CIEC COULD ACHIEVE AND ACCORDINGLY PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES SHOULD BE SELECTIVE AND REALISTIC IN SETTING THEIR GOALS; (2) CIEC SHOULD BE VIEWED AS PART OF LARGER PROCESS OF NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE, HENCE IMPETUS CIEC HAS PROVIDED TOWARD PROGRESS ELSEWHERE SHOULD BE COUNTED AMONG ITS ACHIEVEMENTS; (3) SUCCESS OF CIEC DEPENDED UPON EFFORTS OF ALL PARTICIPANTS, JUST AS FAILURE WOULD HAVE NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES FOR ALL AND NOTABLY COULD BE EXPECTED TO SOUR PUBLIC OPINION IN ALL COUNTRIES AS TO DESIRABILITY OF CONTINUING NORTH/SOUTH ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

3. ON G-19 SIDE, CO-CHAIRMAN PEREZ GUERRERO SENSED "NEW SPIRIT" AT CONFERENCE AND RECOGNIZED ALL PARTICIPANTS SHARED RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUTCOME. HOWEVER, HE UNDERLINED NEED FOR "POLITICAL WILL" AND NEW PROPOSALS
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FROM G-8 AND SAID HE FEARED G-8 OFTEN SETTLED FOR A LOWEST COMMON DENOMINATOR POSITION. PG ALSO CRITICIZED G-8 FOR "FORUMS" PLAY" -- I.E., ALWAYS INSISTING THAT PROPER FORUM FOR AN ACTION DESIRED BY LDCS WAS ELSEWHERE. RAW MATERIALS CO-CHAIRMAN ARIAS-SCHREIBER ASSERTED THAT HIS COMMISSION SHOULD TAKE INTEGRATED PROGRAM AS AGREED AT UNCTAD IV AND RESOLUTIONS OF 6TH AND 7TH SPECIAL SESSIONS AT UN AS POINT OF DEPARTURE; IF G-8 WERE UNWILLING TO WORK TOWARDS RESULTS WHICH WENT BEYOND WHAT ALREADY AGREED AT UNCTAD IV AND UN, HE WOULD RECOMMEND HIS MINISTER NOT ATTEND CIEC

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MINISTERIAL. DEVELOPMENT CO-CHAIRMAN AIT-CHAALAL,

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WHILE GRANTING THAT ALL PARTICIPANTS WOULD BE
RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCCESS OR FAILURE OF CIEC,
NOTED LAST FALL'S DELIBERATIONS ENDED IN COMPLETE
DEADLOCK AND INSISTED THAT "BALL WAS NOW IN G-8'S
CAMP." AIT-CHAALAL ADDED THAT NOTWITHSTANDING
FAVORABLE RHETORIC ON PART OF VARIOUS DC LEADERS
EARLIER THIS YEAR, RECENT DEVELOPMENTS (E.G., DISCORD
AT RECENT COMMON FUND NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE) BODED ILL
FOR NORTH/SOUTH COOPERATION. IN SIMILAR VEIN, FINANCE
CO-CHAIRMAN YEGANEH DENIED CIEC HAD CONTRIBUTED TO
PROGRESS IN OTHER FORA -- INDEED, HE HAD HEARD SOME
OBSERVERS SAY CIEC HAD IMPEDED PROGRESS ELSEWHERE -- AND
INSISTED THAT G-8 NEEDED NOW TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THEY
WOULD MOVE BEYOND THEIR POSITIONS OF LAST FALL.
FINALLY, IN CONTRAST TO OTHER G-19 CO-CHAIRMEN,
ENERGY CO-CHAIRMAN TAHER MADE UPBEAT STATEMENT TO
EFFECT THAT CIEC HAD GREATLY IMPROVED PARTICIPANTS'
UNDERSTANDING OF THE COMPLEXITY, LINKAGES AMONG, AND
POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.
TAHER SUGGESTED MINIMUM COURSES OF ACTION ACCEPTABLE TO
ALL SHOULD BE IDENTIFIED AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

4. DESPITE APPEALS FROM ARIAS SHREIBER, AIT-CHAALAL
AND YEGANEH FOR G-8 CO-CHAIRMEN TO INDICATE PROGRESS IN
THEIR CIEC POSITIONS, PEREZ-GUERRERO WAS VISIBLY
WORRIED AT PROSPECT OF SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION IN
ABSENCE OF OTHER G-19 DELS. ACCORDINGLY, MEETING HAD
NO EXCHANGES ON SUBSTANCE. HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO MEET
PG'S NEED TO INVOLVE ALL G-19 SENIOR OFFICIALS IN RE-
LAUNCHING OF THE CONFERENCE (PG HAD REMINDED CO-
CHAIRMEN OF ORIGINAL G-19 DESIRE TO HAVE SENIOR
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OFFICIALS MEETING TO RELAUNCH CONFERENCE AND HAD NOTED
PRESENCE OF MANY G-19 SENIOR OFFICIALS IN PARIS NOW),
CO-CHAIRMEN AGREED THAT "INFORMAL" MEETING OF G-27
HEADS OF DEL WOULD TAKE PLACE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 27
AFTER CONCLUSION OF CO-CHAIRMEN'S MEETING (REPORTED
SEPTEL).

5. BRIEF MEETING MORNING APRIL 27 SOUGHT TO ENGAGE
PROCEDURAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL QUESTIONS, BUT ULTIMATELY
LEFT THESE TO INDIVIDUAL CO-CHAIRMEN TO WORK OUT.
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